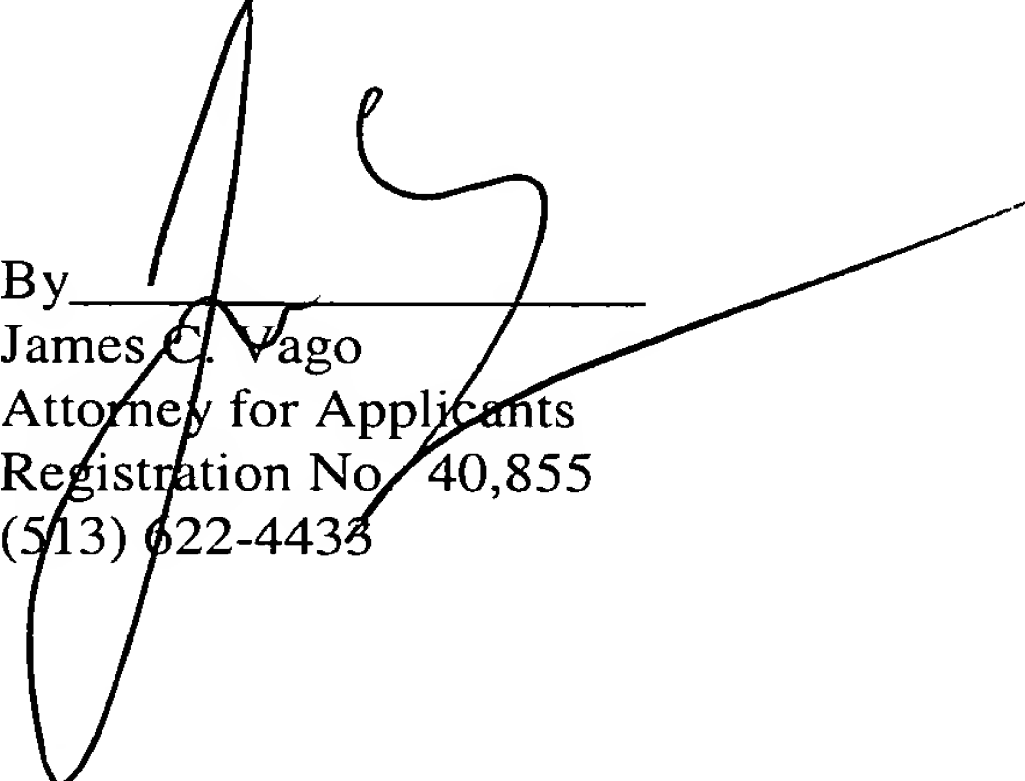


The Examiner also requested that election of a species of the claimed invention be made for (1) a filter particle species and (2) a lignosulfonate species if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-52) without traverse and request cancellation of Group II (claims 53-64) without prejudice. Additionally, Applicants elect glass fibers as the filter particle species and ammonium lignosulfonate as the lignosulfonate species in the case no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants note that claims 1-52 read on said elected filter particle species and said elected lignosulfonate species. Examiner has noted that claims 1, 4-9, 12-24, 26, 27, 29-32, 35-38, 41-46, and 49-52 are generic. Continued examination in light of this Response is respectfully requested.

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